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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application, please amend the application
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the Specification:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,168,
entitled MECHANISM FOR REPLICATING AND MAINTAINING FILES IN A
SPACE-EFFICIENT MANNER, filed on January 16, 2001.